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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: FCC APPEAL
USAC Denial of Deadline Extension Request
CC Docket No. 02-6**

Form 471 Application Number: 339077
Funding Year: 7/01/2003 – 6/30/2004
FRN Number: 914794
Service Provider Name: Clarke Broadcasting Corporation, dba Mother Lode Internet
SPIN: 143016202
BEN: 144417

Reason for Appeal of USAC (SLD) denial of Invoice Deadline Extension:

A. Clarke Broadcasting Corporation dba Mother Lode Internet was denied an extension of Invoice Deadline for FRN 914794 representing additional services rendered in 2003-2004; these services were approved at 60%. Mother Lode Internet respectfully requests the FCC reverse the recent Denial of Invoice Deadline Extension for services rendered 7/1/03 through 11/30/2003.

B. Clarke Broadcasting Corporation dba Mother Lode Internet experienced a change of ownership and relocation during 2001-2002. This also brought about three different General Managers between 2001 and 2004, as well as a number of personnel changes including the resignation of those individuals previously involved with eRate invoicing and processing of required forms on behalf of Mother Lode Internet. These changes occurred during the period of time in which the 3rd quarter invoicing should have been completed.

C. Mother Lode Internet has also experienced a period of extreme growth in business activity and new personnel. However, the cumbersome and challenging eRate process was literally unknown to new Management and therefore not addressed by new employees in a timely manner.



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2006-2007 has afforded Mother Lode Internet the opportunity to hire additional employees for our small home-town company. We now have designated staff responsible for handling the eRate process for our company and wish to continue participation on behalf of the Tuolumne County Public Library (TCPL). All services for 2003-2004 (the year in question for this Appeal) were delivered and the TCPL has previously paid for their discounted share.